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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr EPHREMIDIS, Mr ADAMOU and Mr ALAVANOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the safety of civilian flights during military
exercises

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas, during the NATO 'Display Determination' exercise in the Mediterranean at the beginning of October, American warplanes repeatedly violated Greek national airspace and paralysed or seriously disrupted the Civil Aviation communications system of control centres, thus greatly hazarding the safety of civilian flights,
 - B. having regard to the repeated protests by the Greek Government, which currently holds the Presidency of the EEC, and the inadequate responses of the US Government,
 - C. whereas the aforesaid American violations constituted a danger to civilian aircraft belonging to companies in all the EEC Member States using the air corridors over the Aegean at the time,
 - D. having already shown its interest in measures to ensure the safety of civilian flights, particularly since the downing of the South Korean passenger jumbo-jet, with regard to which no one can with certainty exclude the possibility that it was being used for military purposes,
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- 1. Protests to the US authorities at the fact that, a few weeks after the shooting-down of the South Korean jumbo-jet, they placed at risk the safety of civilian flights by European and other airlines along the international air corridors over the Aegean coming under the Athens FIR;
 - 2. Calls on the Member States to put forward proposals in the ICAO and other competent bodies for the safety of civilian flights during military exercises;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Governments of Member States, the US Government and the ICAO.